EXPLORE. DISCOVER. THRIVE.
Mill River
Unified Union School District

WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAW PRINT

October 2021

WES has had a great start to the school year. Since we have started school we have fully engaged in learning across all subject areas. Every K-6th grade student participated in Star 360 testing in Math and ELA. Sixth grade had a field trip to Chimney Point where they learned about VT history dating back to the origins of Indigenous People. Fifth grade performed a music review called "Proud to be American" by Jill Gallina. This review is an original song medley showcasing the unique patriotic bonds we share. Fourth grade have created flip books of literary elements to help them navigate the story *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Third grade has almost mastered the Commutative and Distributive Properties in math. Second grade worked on a unit of houses and homes and learned what makes a house a home. First grade has been working diligently on number bonds, counting on, as well as letter writing. Kindergarten students created books titled "All about me". These books have the students talking about themselves and what makes each of them unique. One Pre-K class has read the book *Elmer* which is a story about an elephant who is different and wants to fit in. The other Pre-K class has been studying the life cycle of trees and pumpkins. Specifically they have looked at Oaks, Maples and Evergreens. Students in grades third through sixth played in a Gaga Pit tournament. The Gaga pit was a new addition to our playground at the end of last school year. Sixth grade students are rock stars at Mill River as they attend Math counts. This program builds problem solving skills and positive attitudes about math, so students embrace challenges and expand their academic and career opportunities in the future. Students in Kindergarten through sixth grade shared their accomplishments so far for this school year with their parents or guardians at student led conferences. Fifth and sixth grade students have become mentors to the primary grades during their recess time to help coach them as they learn new activities and games. We had school photos taken. We also took the time to celebrate all the hard work we have been putting into school so far with a spirit week celebration. We wore pajamas one day, wore flannel one day, wore crazy hats or styled crazy hair and ended with showing our school pride by being wildcats. WES students have been living by their school motto: Practice respect, Accept responsibility, Work together, and Safety first.

Counselor's Corner

Wendy Herrick wherrick@millriverschools.org or text or call (802) 417-2105

With the holidays approaching, WES has been approached by some non-profits organizations who would like to help families who are struggling financially to provide gifts to their children. If this would be helpful to you, please let me know by replying to this email by November 8. The organizers have asked for a first name, age and a list of interests/clothing sizes of your child to help pick gifts that your kids will enjoy. I will share more details as I get them.

November is Gratitude Month! Take the challenge! Remembering the things that you are thankful for can help make your day a little brighter.

28 DAYS OF GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR...

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SOMETHING YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF	A CHALLENGE YOU'VE OVERCOME	A PERSONAL TALENT YOU POSSESS	SOMETHING YOU CREATED	YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISH -MENT	SOMETHING YOU OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED	YOUR BEST PERSONALITY TRAIT
SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL YOU SAW TODAY	YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER	SOMETHING YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO	YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	SOMEONE WHO INSPIRES YOU	SOMETHING YOU USE EVERYDAY	FAMILY AND FRIENDS
SOMETHING YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR JOB	A LESSON FROM A MISTAKE YOU MADE	SOMETHING THAT SOMEONE GAVE YOU	SOMETHING THAT MADE YOU SMILE TODAY	A COWORKER WHO MAKES WORK LIFE BETTER	A BOOK THAT INSPIRED YOU	YOUR PAST EXPERIENCES
SOMETHING THAT PUTS A SMILE ON YOUR FACE	YOUR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORS	SOMETHING YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR HOME	SOMETHING AWESOME ABOUT YOUR AGE	POSITIVE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE	THE CHANCE OF A NEW DAY	THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE LIFE GREAT

Important Information

Please see the “daily announcements” slide show on our website for current information as well as more photos of Wallingford Elementary.

A message from Nurse Kristi in the Health Office:

If your child is sick and cannot come to school, please notify the school as to what the illness is. Due to new protocols it is important that the health office tracks all illnesses and follows up with the parent each day that the child is absent. You can include Nurse Kristi in your email to the teacher kduncan@millriverschools.org or call the office 802-446-2141.

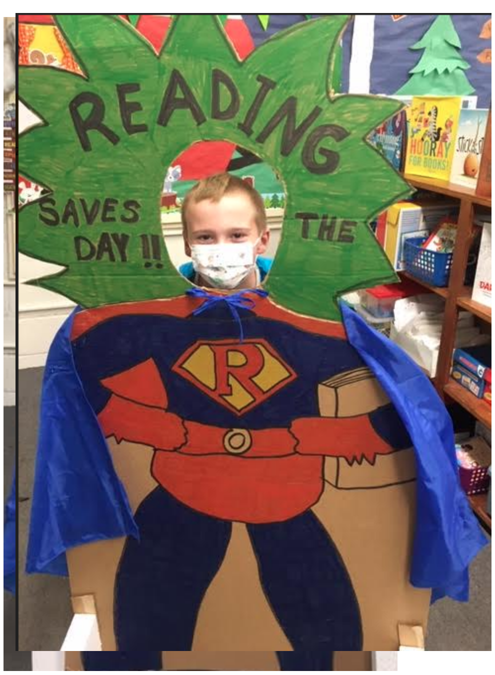
Friendly Reminder - It is a good idea to pack two masks in your child’s backpack each school day. Sometimes the masks are getting wet during recess and PE class or they are breaking and not fitting properly after wearing them. It is good to have a back up mask when this happens.

New website created by our Specials Teachers:

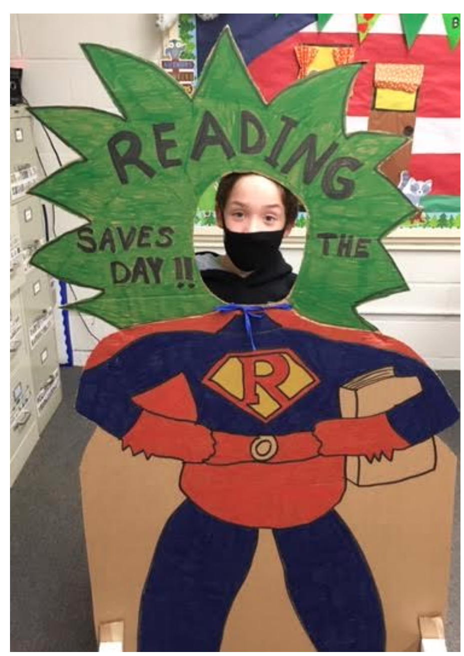
https://sites.google.com/millriverschools.org/mruusdspecialscurriculum/home?authuser=0

This website will be a place for our Specials Teachers to update you on our monthly curriculum changes and a place for you to find out more about what your learners are doing In class. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teachers via their email address that can be found at the top of each page or your building principal.

A look inside the walls and on the playground at Wallingford Elementary



Here are some pictures from kindergarten math. We were practicing our counting and number



recognition with a new math game!








First grade read “How Do Apples Grow” and made apples out of yarn.



WES 6th grade is rocking it at Mill River in the MATHCOUNTS Program every Tuesday at Mill River.



MATHCOUNTS provides engaging math programs to US middle school students of all ability levels to build confidence and improve attitudes about math and problem solving. The program builds problem solving skills and positive attitudes about math, so students embrace challenges and expand their academic and career opportunities in the future.







Our makeshift “Maskline” invented by our PE teacher Mr. K



Older students are helping younger students learn new games during recess.





Halloween Festivities











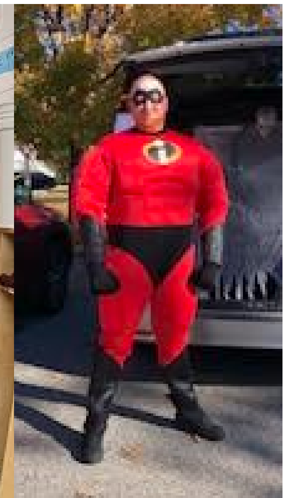









Crayon






WALLINGFORD
ELEMENTARY













WES Calendar

Friendly Reminder to WES Families
When school has a delay in the morning or closes early/cancels all after school activities due to weather or other reasons: ***Please note that morning and/or afterschool programs will be closed.***

November
7th ~ Daylight Savings time ends
11th ~ Veterans' Day, No School
15th ~ Early Release Day, School Ends at 11:55
19th ~ 1st semester report cards being sent home
23rd ~ Photo Makeup/Retake Day
24th - 26th ~ Thanksgiving Break, No School

December
13th ~ Early Release Day, School Ends at 11:55
22nd-31st ~ December Break, No school



Menu found on Nutrislice.com
All meals for children are free
until June 2022

Lunch Prices:		
	Student Breakfast -	$
	Student Lunch -	$
	Milk -	$0.50
	Adult Breakfast-	$2.95
	Adult Lunch -	$4.75

[MRUUSD School Calendar]

[Wallingford Elementary School Website]

[WES Event Calendar]

[WES Bus Schedule]

[MRUUSD Website]

[MRUUSD Committee Minutes]

[MRUUSD Board Minutes]

[Town of Wallingford]

[Gilbert Hart Library]

[Join Front Porch Forum]



Our Foundational Beliefs

- All students feel respected, cared for, and loved.
- Educators feel valued, respected and supported.
- Students, educators and families work together to build positive relationships.
- Students know why they are learning.
- Students know what they are expected to learn.
- All learners have voice and choice in their pursuit of personal growth.
- Students and educators have ongoing, rigorous opportunities to learn.
- Educators believe in and model learning as a lifelong process.
- Educators communicate with families before, during, and after challenges and successes.
- The entire community benefits from the strengths of its students, educators & schools.

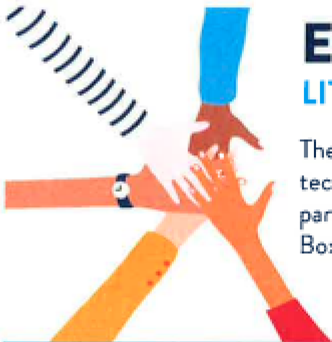
Mill River Schools • millriverschools.org

Clarendon Elementary School • Mill River Union High School • Shrewsbury Mountain School
Tinmouth Elementary School • Wallingford Elementary School

Community News:



Does this belong to your child? It appears to be brand new and is a size Toddler 9. It was found in the parking lot.



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

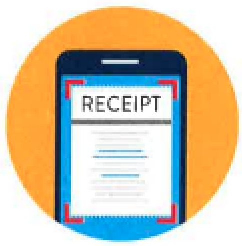
LOOK FOR THE LABEL:

NO MORE CLIPPING
SCAN YOUR RECEIPT
SEE HOW AT BTFE.COM

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

BUY
BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

EARN
CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!
See how at BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts



BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. **You can still clip them and send them to school**, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW: